

AREA 2 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD

MEETING MINUTES for JUNE 4 & 5, 2009

Far Northern Regional Center, Chico

MEMBERS PRESENT

Stephen Martin
Jean Phillips
Steven Sharpe
Leroy Shipp
Larry Stevens
Mike Yalow

OTHERS PRESENT

Laura Larson, FNRC
Margaret Shipp, Parent & REI Sec.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Merryann Frick
Ray Rodriguez
Colleen Ryberg
Kimber Stanford

STAFF PRESENT

Robin Keehn, Executive Director
Sarah May, LQA Project Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER – June 4, 2009 - 1:05 p.m. - Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. Introductions

B. Announcements – Sarah reviewed Board Member paperwork for processing Travel Expense Claims.

C. Public Input – None

2. ACTION ITEMS – Leroy Shipp, Chair

***A. Approval of Agenda**

MOTION - That agenda be approved as written.

M/S/C - M. Yalow / S. Martin / Passed Unanimously

***B. Approval of May 7 & 8 Minutes -**

MOTION – The minutes be approved as written.

M/S/C - S. Martin / M. Yalow / Passed Unanimously

***C. Approval of 2009/2010 Meeting Calendar –**

Discussion of next Board meeting included location and suggestion for 1- day meetings due to budget issues and cost saving measures. Board recommended meeting in Redding for September and Chico in November, on the second Thursday or Friday of that month from 10am – 5pm, with necessary accommodations provided to Board members. Also, Board requested a cost analysis for each location before scheduling their remaining meetings.

MOTION – To hold 1- day Board meetings on the second Thursday or Friday of the month from 10am – 5 pm.

M/S/C - L. Stevens / M. Yalow / Passed Unanimously

MOTION – To meet at FNRC/Redding in September and FNRC/Chico in November with a cost analysis of each meeting.

M/S/C - Stephen M. / M. Yalow / Passed Unanimously

3. CHAIR REPORT – Leroy Shipp, Chair

Leroy passed out updated Board member roster with Merryann Frick's new email address. Leroy shared his pride of Mathew's graduation from Taft College and passed around his graduation picture.

Leroy reported on the last SCDD Board meeting and presentation by Herb Schultz, Governor's Advisor. Mr. Schultz requested the communities input on cost saving measures and is trying hard

to preserve California's developmental disability (DD) system. Leroy shared that SCDD wants to hear from Area Boards. He'd like other Board members to attend SCDD meetings. He discussed the importance of new member recruitment, new ideas and the new direction of the system.

4. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT - Robin Keehn

Robin expressed enthusiasm towards her new position. She is looking forward to working closely with the Board and our community in challenging times ahead.

Robin reviewed the highlights of her activities since the last Board meeting. She was recently appointed as a voting member to Butte County's "In-Home Support Service Advisory Committee" (IHSS-AC).

Robin plans to continue facilitating the "Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Task Force" which meets quarterly. The Drug & Alcohol support group for FNRC consumers is going well in Butte County. Shasta County's group, facilitated by County staff, has 3 members with more expected. The new self-advocate "Drug & Alcohol Team" (D.A.T.) is going well. They drafted a marketing and evaluation letter for presentations to raise awareness with consumer and their staff. "Watch Out!" newsletter may include an article about D.A.T. in their upcoming publication. Robin is working on recruiting a new facilitator for DAT.

Robin plans to continue facilitation the "Healthy Relationships, Sexuality & Abuse Prevention Advisory Committee."

She prepared a Groups and Events Flyer and included an ALERT to update the mailing list. The plan is to send all information via email to save money.

For now, Robin will continue as the Secretary for the Butte County Coordinating Council (BCCC) and will attend other Coordinating Council meetings as time allows. She continues to provide advocacy, referrals and assistance to individuals and families in our region, including a successful outcome at a recent Informal Fair Hearing.

Dave Hingsburger will be a keynote speaker at Supported Life 2009. Plans are underway to have him present and consult with our projects before the Supported Life conference.

5. FAR NORTHERN REGIONAL CENTER – Laura Larson, Executive Director

Laura reviewed the proposals by the Department of Developmental Services to save \$100 million in the 2009-2010 Regional Center budget. She also reported that in the May Budget Revision, \$234 million was added, to total \$334 million State wide reduction in the 2009-2010 Regional Center budget.

Laura discussed the Implementation Plan of reductions and how significant transportation services will be reduced. FNRC is developing a program with consumer aides/escorts for mentoring to assist people to utilize public transportation. Also, all Day Programs will have the same holiday schedule with 14 days off throughout the year.

Laura shared that FNRC, AB2 and CCC's are holding 4 Community Meetings next week to discuss the severity of the cuts and impacts on families. The meetings will provide information, request suggestions, ideas, etc. She reviewed the financial picture and budget chart of where the cuts must occur. She fears that the cuts will be so deep that some service providers will disappear. FNRC will continue to not fill vacant positions. Offices will be closed on Mondays for 2009/2010 fiscal year as cost saving measures. Laura stated, "It will be a rough ride."

6. LQA PROJECT REPORT – Sarah May

Sarah reviewed the progress of the LQA Project for the month of May. The project conducted 99 assessments, with 88% participation. The Visitor team completed LQA's through May 30, 2009 and Sarah will complete the remaining assignments through June 30th to achieve the required goals for 2008/2009 contract mandates.

Sarah and Lisa are coordinating recognition luncheons for the Visitor team and providing each Visitor a letter of support and certificate of appreciation.

Sarah shared with the Board the community letter that provided information about the LQA ending, appreciation to the community and information about the new Quality Assurance Program that is targeted to begin January 1, 2010.

7. *BY- LAWS DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION – All Board Members

Board members reviewed the By-Laws and the proposed language changes.

MOTION – To amend Article VII, section 2 to read: The immediate past Board Chairperson, who is a current Board member, shall serve as an ex-officio (non-voting) member.

M/S/C – S. Martin/S.Sharpe/Passed Unanimously

MOTION – To approve the proposed By-Laws as amended.

M/S/C – M. Yalow/S.Sharpe/Passed Unanimously

In reviewing the approved By-Laws, the Board requested that the Election of Officers, which is to be held at the June annual meeting, be tabled until September, 2009. A Nomination Committee was formed with Steve M., Chair and members Steve S., Jean and Larry.

Mike Yalow recommended a letter be written to Kathy Barnes expressing appreciation for her efforts as Interim Ex. Dir. All agreed! Robin requested Board input for this letter of thanks.

8. STRATEGIC PLANNING (S.P.) SESSION AND DINNER – All Board Members

Leroy and Robin gave an overview of the S.P. goals, process and time line. Mike shared an outline for a S.P. from DDS's website and reviewed their Value Statements. Language from AB3, AB9, SCDD, FNRC and AB2 was shared by Leroy and Robin. The Board talked about concepts they value including: acceptance, perception, freedom, rights, responsibility, choice, community partnership, advocacy, education, employment and living the "good life". The Board decided to focus on Vision and Mission Statements at this meeting.

Getting down to business after a pizza break, Board members had a long, interesting discussion offering many versions for of language for AB2's Vision and Mission Statements.

9. RECESS 6:30 P.M. UNTIL 9 A.M. FRIDAY, SAME LOCATION

1. CALL TO ORDER – June 5, 2009 9:05 a.m. – Leroy Shipp, Chair

A. Introductions

B. Announcements – Robin encouraged Board members to review the historical files and materials from Area 2 Board that she provided. Laura offered that FNRC could help preserve the historical materials by storing them digitally. Robin discussed the 2nd Emergency Preparedness Event coordinated by ILS Transition, Inc. held in August at Shasta Community College. She shared the success of last year's event. Robin also shared the Tehama County Coordinating Council (TCCC) will be assisting with transportation for this year's Fair in August.

C. Public Input – Margaret Shipp, parent and R.E.I. Secretary, shared that Oroville also held an Emergency Preparedness Fair with many community agencies. Margaret also shared that Rural Education Institute's (R.E.I.) next Board meeting will be July 20, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. held at Community Living Options in Paradise. She encouraged Robin to attend and encouraged Area 2 Board's involvement in activities. She reviewed past projects, conferences and activities of R.E.I., including the sponsorship of Butte County Coordinating Council's (BCCC) Recognition Celebration.

The history of R.E.I was reviewed with the Board and its' evolution to the current. Robin requested a letter from R.E.I.'s Chair to establish relations between R.E.I. and Area 2 Board for collaboration and clarification.

2. STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION – All Board Members

After a lengthy and passionate discussion, a Vision and Mission Statement were developed by Area 2 Board members.

MOTION – To approve Area 2 Board's **Vision** Statement: "People feel free to dream and are recognized as valued, contributing members of their community."

M/S/C – L. Stevens / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

MOTION – To approve Area 2 Board's **Mission** Statement: "Area 2 Board advocates for the legal, civil and service rights of people with developmental disabilities and their families, to promote *genuine* education, employment, relationships and community inclusion."

M/S/C – L. Stevens / S. Sharpe / Passed Unanimously

Board members began discussion of Values for Area 2 Board. The Board requested examples of advocacy, service trends and issues that come to the Area 2 Board be brought to the September's Board meeting to help in the development of values, goals and objectives for our Strategic Plan.

3. EMERGING ISSUES / COMMUNITY REPORTS

TEHEMA COUNTY – L. STEVENS

Larry shared the continued success of Aaron Fotheringham and the recognition award he received in England from Guinness World Records and at the "Ability Expo" in Southern California. Aaron was also awarded a significant amount of money on "Secret Millionaire" to establish his business plans.

SHASTA COUNTY – S. MARTIN

Steven reported that his daughter from Southern California, who has 2 children with developmental disabilities, was invited to join an I.E.P. with him in Shasta County. It was a successful experience and "training" for her and when she returned home, she was able to apply what she had learned at her own child's I.E.P., which was also very successful!

GLENN COUNTY– J. Phillips

Jean reported that Orland People First is struggling with membership.

BUTTE COUNTY – S. SHARPE, L. Shipp

Steve reported Gridley People First is small but doing well. With only 3 members, they still have fun and are planning a car wash to raise money for a potluck BBQ in the park. He is hoping his Church can help with this event. Steve also shared that they are looking for new members.

Leroy reported that he and Margaret continue volunteering for Special Olympics and made 500 lunches for a regional event at CSUC, Chico and participated in a march at the Capital. Leroy asked the Board for guidance and input on what his focus should be as the representative for Area 2 Board to SCDD. He also encouraged Board members to be linked to legislative issues and getting on Marty Omoto's list serve for updated information.

4. OTHER BUSINESS – None

5. ADJOURN - Meeting Adjourned at 11:47 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 10, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
FNRC - Redding